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USDRIP/Riverway Stakeholders Meeting Minutes

12335 Woodside Avenue
Lakeside Union School District Offices
Lakeside, California

Thursday, September 16, 2010 @ 9 a.m.

1. Attendees
2. Lakeside Fire Station Status Update
 - Grading, construction of the retaining walls, and the installation of dry utilities are nearly completed.
 - SDGE will install utility lines following the installation of dry utility lines.
 - Bids for the construction of the fire station and street improvements should commence within the next few weeks.
 - Building Permits are currently with the County for plan check.
 - Goal is to have ribbon cutting for finished building by late summer 2011
3. Lakeside Land and Lakeside River Park Trail Discussions Update
 - Updated stakeholders on the discussions between Lakeside Land and the River Park Conservancy regarding the construction of a trail along the river near the Riverford Bridge.
 - At this time, the County is facilitating discussions between Lakeside Land, the River Park Conservancy, and the Army Corps of Engineers to help ensure that the trail will eventually be constructed as called for in the USDRIP Specific Plan.
 - Lakeside Land is concerned with an enforcement action from the Army Corps of Engineers and is currently revising the revegetation and monitoring plan for submittal to the County and Army Corps. Lakeside Land does not want to jeopardize the fulfillment of their permit obligations with the construction of the trail.
 - The County will work the Army Corps of Engineers moving forward to identify any restraints and/or requirements related to constructing the trail along the river.
 - Lakeside River Park Conservancy informed stakeholders that they had discussions with the Army Corps of Engineers in May 2010 and are in the process of preparing grading plans and biological studies for submittal to the Army Corps.

4. Update on USDRIP fiscal standing

- There are two major commitments for USDRIP in the coming fiscal year: 1.) \$1 million disbursement for the Fire Station and 2.) \$688,000 loan to the River Park Conservancy.
- The \$688,000 loan to the River Park is being refunded by the State in disbursements.
- Approximately \$1 million in discretionary funds will be available within the next fiscal year with an expected increase of \$150,000 each subsequent year based on current tax increment projections.

5. Suggestions for USDRIP moving forward:

A. Survey properties in USDRIP

- Identify the property owners, create database of properties that tracks which properties are for sale or lease, vacant, developed, etc..

B. Gateway Signage Project

- Two possible options moving forward concerning the Gateway Signage. 1.) Wait for Caltrans to adopt regulations to allow for the Gateway signage to be located in Caltrans ROW. 2.) Identify alternative sites that are located on privately owned properties.
- DPLU will provide a map of the currently identified sites for the Gateway monument signs along with possible alternative sites.

C. Landscaping Improvements

- Create a matching grant program to encourage property owners to improve current landscaping.
- All landscaping would be required to comply with the County's landscaping and water conservation ordinances.
- A façade program similar to the landscaping program was also suggested.
- DPLU will follow up on the particulars and feasibility of such programs.

D. Advertise USDRIP

- Work with Keyser Marston on marketing USDRIP.
- Encourage property owners with code violations (cited or not) to process necessary permits and waive violation fees.

- E. Stakeholder Suggestions
- Identify ways of attracting and getting motorists to stop in USDRIP. Specifically, commercial developments that would draw people to USDRIP.
 - County will work on identifying areas in USDRIP that allow for commercial development.
6. Other
- The County will research and identify USDRIP's (if any at all) contribution to the construction of the Mast Boulevard extension.
7. Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2010.

